Amendment and Response

Applicant: Donald J. Palmer Serial No.: 09/685,847 Filed: Oct. 10, 2000 Docket No.: 10003972-1

Title: INTERNET PRINT MANAGING SYSTEM AND METHOD WITH PRINT JOB DISTRIBUTION

REMARKS

The following Remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 17, 2005, in which claims 1-9 and 11-40 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1 and 19 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention. Claims 1-9 and 11-40 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-9 and 11-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hower, Jr. et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,467,434 in view of Keane et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,650,433.

With this Amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify that registering the print services provided by the print provider includes specifying the attributes of the print services provided by the print provider with the input fields of the print provider interface. In addition, independent claim 19 has been amended to clarify that the attributes of the print services provided by the print provider are specified with the input fields of the print provider interface.

With respect to the Hower, Jr. et al. and Keane et al. patents, neither of these patents, individually or in combination, teach or suggest a method of managing print services as claimed in independent claim 1 including specifying attributes of print services provided by a print provider with input fields of a print provider interface, nor a system for managing print services as claimed in independent claim 19 wherein attributes of print services provided by a print provider are specified with input fields of a print provider interface.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 1 and 19 are each patentably distinct from the Hower, Jr. et al. and Keane et al. patents and, therefore, are in a condition for allowance. Furthermore, as dependent claims 2-9 and 11-18 further define patentably distinct claim 1, and dependent claims 20-40 further define patentably distinct claim 19, Applicant submits that dependent claims 2-9 and 11-18 and dependent claims 20-40 are also in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-9 and 11-40 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claims 1-9 and 11-40 be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-9 and 11-40 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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